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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~A test tool~~ An analytical testing feeder device comprising: a storage portion ~~for storing that store~~ a plurality of analytical testing elements; ~~test tools~~; and

a transporting member provided with at least one loading portion ~~for loading a test tool stored in~~ wherein an analytical testing element taken out from the storage portion is loaded, the transporting member transporting ~~test tools~~ analytical testing elements one by one; and

a movable member attached to the storage portion;

wherein the storage portion includes a plurality of storage spaces each storing a plurality of ~~test tools~~ analytical testing elements,

wherein each of the storage spaces is selectively brought into a state in which the analytical testing elements are taken out from the storage space and a state in which the analytical testing elements are not taken out from the storage space,

wherein the movable member is configured so that the state in which the analytical testing elements are not taken out from the storage space is achieved by causing the movable member to lift the analytical testing elements stored in the storage space so that the analytical testing elements do not come into contact with the transporting member.

2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~test tool~~ analytical testing feeder device according to claim 1 ~~[[3]]~~, wherein in the state in which the test tools analytical testing elements are taken out from the storage space, is achieved by bringing at least some of the test tools

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analytical testing elements stored in the storage space are brought into contact with the transporting member.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~test tool~~ analytical testing feeder device according to claim 1 ~~[[4]]~~, wherein the transporting member comprises a rotating member.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~test tool~~ analytical testing feeder device according to claim 5 ~~[[6]]~~, wherein the movable member includes at least one ~~pivotal~~ lift portion pivotal relative to the storage space, and

wherein the rotating member includes a recess ~~for receiving~~ that receives said at least one lift portion.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~test tool~~ analytical testing feeder device according to claim 7, wherein the ~~test tools~~ lift portion is out of contact with the analytical testing elements stored in the storage space ~~come into contact with the rotating member~~ when the lift portion is received in the recess, and

wherein the ~~test tools~~ the lift portion, when not received in the recess, lifts the analytical testing elements stored in the storage space ~~are lifted by the movable member so as not to come into~~ so that the analytical testing elements are out of contact with the rotating member ~~when the lift portion is not received in the recess~~.

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~test tool~~ analytical testing feeder device according to claim 8, wherein the movable member is freely pivotal relative to the storage portion so that the lift portion of the movable member ~~is held in~~ comes into contact with the rotating member by gravity.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~test tool~~ analytical testing feeder device according to claim 8, wherein, ~~when the lift portion is received in the recess~~ [[.]] is configured to

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receive the lift portion in a manner such that the lift portion is positioned closer to a center of the rotating member than a circumferential surface of the rotating member.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) The ~~test tool~~ analytical testing feeder device according to claim 9 [[11]], wherein the plurality of storage spaces include a first storage space and a second storage space spaces, and

wherein said at least one loading portion includes a first loading portion ~~for loading that loads~~ the ~~test tools~~ analytical testing elements stored in the first storage space, and a second loading portion ~~for loading that loads~~ the ~~test tools~~ analytical testing elements stored in the second storage space.

13. (Currently Amended) The ~~test tool~~ analytical testing feeder device according to claim 12, wherein the first storage space and the second storage space are separated by a partition member disposed in the storage portion, and

wherein the movable member is supported by the partition member.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) The ~~test tool~~ analytical testing feeder device according to claim 12, wherein the rotating member is rotatable in both a forward direction and a reverse direction, and

wherein the test tool feeder further comprises a rotation controller ~~for controlling that controls~~ a rotation direction and a rotation angle of the rotating member to control the movable range of the first and the second loading portions.

16. (Currently Amended) The ~~test tool~~ analytical testing feeder device according to claim 15, wherein the rotation controller controls the rotation direction and the rotation angle of the rotating member in a first movable range in which the lift portion is held in

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contact with a circumferential surface of the rotating member or in a second movable range in which the lift portion is received in the recess,

wherein, in the first movable range, ~~test tools~~ analytical testing elements are not taken out from the first storage space while ~~test tools~~ analytical testing elements are taken out from the second storage space,

wherein, in the second movable range, ~~test tools~~ analytical testing elements are taken out from the first storage space while ~~test tools~~ analytical testing elements are not taken out from the second storage space.

17. (Currently Amended) The ~~test tool~~ analytical testing feeder device according to claim 7, wherein the plurality of storage spaces include a first storage space and a second storage space spaces, and

wherein said at least one lift portion includes a first lift portion ~~for lifting that lifts~~ the plurality of ~~test tools~~ analytical testing elements stored in the first storage space and a second lift portion ~~for lifting that lifts~~ the plurality of ~~test tools~~ analytical testing elements stored in the second storage space.

18. (Currently Amended) The ~~test tool~~ analytical testing feeder device according to claim 17, wherein further comprising an actuator that causes the first and the second lift portions to pivot ~~are pivoted by an actuator~~.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) The ~~test tool~~ analytical testing feeder device according to claim 1 ~~[[4]]~~, wherein the transporting member comprises a movable block that transports the ~~test tools~~ analytical testing elements horizontally.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) The ~~test tool~~ analytical testing feeder device according to claim 20 ~~[[21]]~~, wherein the movable member includes a pivotable lift portion, and

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wherein the transporting member includes a recess ~~for receiving~~ that receives the lift portion.

23. (Currently Amended) The ~~test tool~~ analytical testing feeder device according to claim 22, wherein the lift portion is out of contact with the analytical testing elements ~~test tools~~ stored in the storage space ~~are held in contact with the transporting member~~ when the lift portion is received in the recess, and

wherein the lift portion, when not received in the recess, lifts the analytical testing elements ~~test tools~~ stored in the storage space ~~are lifted by the movable member so as not to come into so that the analytical testing elements are out of contact with the transporting member when the lift portion is not received in the recess.~~

24. (Currently Amended) The ~~test tool~~ analytical testing feeder device according to claim 23, wherein ~~when the lift portion is received in the recess~~ [[.]] is configured to receive the lift portion in a manner such that the lift portion is positioned lower than an upper surface of the transporting member.

25-29. (Canceled)